

**House File 2352 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the student teaching experience provided  
2 in practitioner preparation programs and including  
3 applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code  
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 d. Require that each student admitted to an approved  
4 practitioner preparation program participate in pre-student  
5 teaching field experiences that include both observation and  
6 participation in teaching activities in a variety of school  
7 settings. These pre-student teaching field experiences shall  
8 comprise a total of at least fifty hours in duration, at least  
9 ten hours of which shall occur prior to a student's acceptance  
10 in an approved practitioner preparation program. The student  
11 teaching experience shall be ~~a minimum of fourteen weeks in~~  
12 ~~duration~~ one school year in duration during the student's final  
13 ~~year of the practitioner preparation program~~ first school year  
14 after being admitted to the practitioner preparation program.  
15 ~~The program shall make every reasonable effort to offer the~~  
16 ~~student teaching experience prior to a student's last semester,~~  
17 ~~or equivalent, in the program, and to expand the student's~~  
18 ~~student teaching opportunities beyond one semester or the~~  
19 ~~equivalent.~~ A cooperating teacher shall supervise the student  
20 during the student teaching experience. The school district  
21 or accredited nonpublic school that employs the cooperating  
22 teacher shall compensate the student during the student  
23 teaching experience.

24 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to students  
25 admitted to an approved practitioner preparation program on or  
26 after the effective date of this Act.

27 EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This bill relates to the student teaching experience  
31 provided in practitioner preparation programs.

32 Currently, the student teaching experience is a minimum of  
33 14 weeks and takes place during the student's final year of the  
34 practitioner preparation program. The bill requires that the  
35 student teaching experience be one school year in duration and

1 take place during the student's first school year after being  
2 admitted to the practitioner preparation program. The bill  
3 also requires a cooperating teacher to supervise the student  
4 during the student teaching experience. Additionally, the bill  
5 requires the school that employs the cooperating teacher to  
6 compensate the student during the student teaching experience.  
7 The bill applies to students admitted to an approved  
8 practitioner preparation program on or after the effective date  
9 of the bill.